



Hilda Oakes Lewis

March 2, 1924 - October 11, 2017

Hilda Oakes Lewis, age 93, went to heaven Wednesday, October 11th, 2017 at Seasons at the Woodview in South Boston, VA after a long struggle with Alzheimer's Disease.

She formerly resided at 1404 Spring Garden Road, Chatham, VA. She was born on March 2nd, 1924 in the Chestnut Level community of Pittsylvania County as the daughter of Ernest Norman Oakes, Sr. and Nellie Pat Snead Oakes. She graduated from Spring Garden School in 1941 and worked in Danville for C&P Telephone Company. Hilda joined the Navy as a Wave in April 1944 as a Pharmacist Mate and was honorably discharged in August 1946. She married Robert T. Lewis, Sr. on June 17th, 1946 and was a loving mother and homemaker to two children while working on their farm. Later, she worked at Disston, Inc. in Danville and then worked in the cafeteria at Spring Garden Elementary and Chatham Elementary where she retired from Pittsylvania County School system. She was an active member of Shockoe Baptist Church where she served in different roles as Treasurer, Sunday School teacher, Children's Church coordinator and member of the WMU.

She is predeceased by her parents, her husband Robert and siblings Marie Oakes Murphy, Ernest Norman Oakes, Jr., Amy Oakes Martin, William Harry

Oakes, Sr. and Vernon Snead Oakes.

She is survived by her children Robert T. Lewis, Jr. and wife Karen of Goldsboro, NC and daughter Marilyn Phillips-Grossman and husband Kim of Chatham, VA along with her sister, Shirley Oakes Stump and husband Tom, her Sister-in-law Melba O. Murphy; Brother-in-law Clarence P. Lewis and wife Florence; Brother-in-law Paul S. Lewis and wife Barbara; Brother-in-law John D. Lewis and wife Geraldine and Sister-in-law Marie Lewis. She is survived by grandchildren Carrie Lewis Miller and husband Derek, Kelsey A. Phillips; Christopher Grossman and wife Kyley and Jamee Grossman and two great grandchildren; Shane and Sebastian. She is also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Her funeral service with military rites will be held at Wrenn-Yeatts Westover Chapel on Sunday, October 15 2017 at 3:00 PM conducted by the Reverend Michael Jones.

Visitation will be held on Sunday from 1:30-3:00 PM prior to the service. Interment will follow in Highland Burial Park, Danville, VA.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations in her memory to Shockoe Baptist Church at 516 Spring Garden Rd., Chatham, VA 24531 or the Alzheimer's Association Southeastern Virginia Chapter at 6350 Center Drive, Suite 102, Norfolk, VA 23502 or online at www.alz.org.

Previous Events

Burial

OCT **15** (ET)

Highland Burial Park
3049 North Main Street
Danville, VA

Tribute Wall

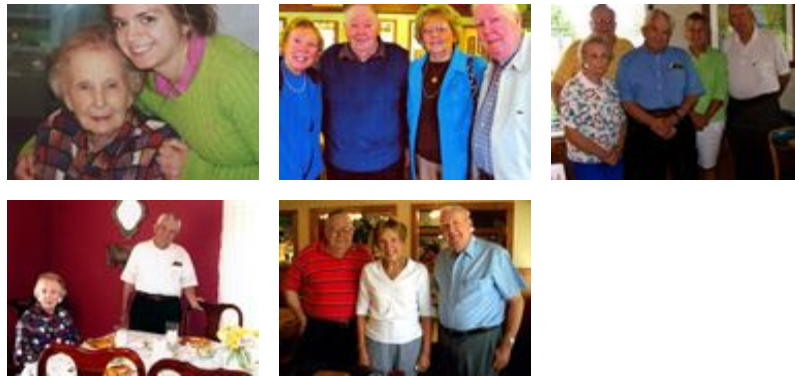
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“ Dear Marilyn, Bob and family: Our deepest condolences to you all at the passing of your family's matriarch, "Miss Hilda". She and my mom were best friends for many decades. She said she was so proud of me when I accepted my Army commission. She and I had many little chats on the side when I'd come home to visit while on active duty... she always had so many questions! Thanks for sharing your photo collection; I'd never seen a photo of her in WAVE uniform... so lovely! May you feel God's love and comfort as you cherish her memories. Love, Jan Evans Marlow and Cindy Marlow

Jan Marlow - October 21, 2017 at 06:03 PM



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Wrenn-Yeatts Funeral Homes - October 14, 2017 at 10:26 AM

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“ *With deepest sympathy from Grifols purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Hilda Oakes Lewis.*



With deepest sympathy from Grifols - October 13, 2017 at 12:30 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Hilda Oakes Lewis.*



October 12, 2017 at 10:36 PM